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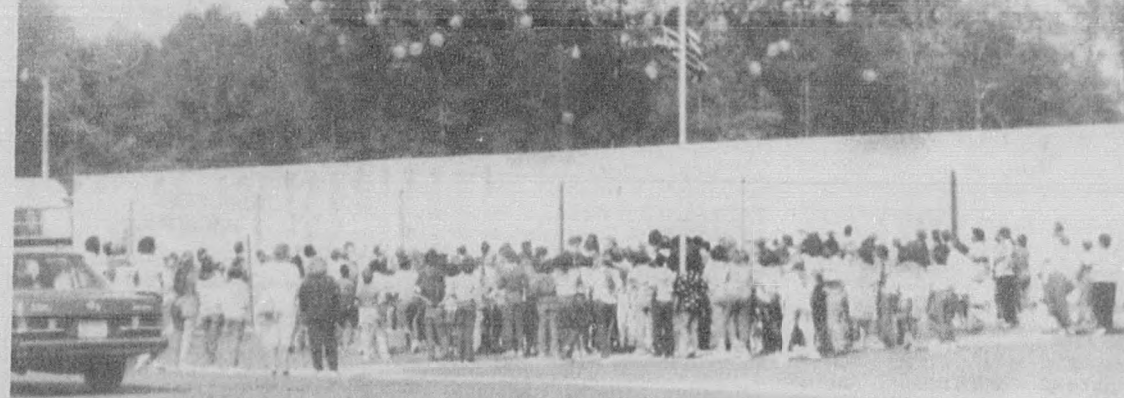
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## Sheriff H.D. Tillman to be honored April 12 in Elba



ELBA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SPREAD THE WORD . . . Students from the Elba Middle School took advantage of the sunny weather last Thursday, April 2, to release 150 balloons filled with messages urging everyone to "Say No To Drugs!" The students had been participating in a drug awareness program at school and used the balloon release to spread the word.

Former Sheriff H.D. Tillman will be honored with a reception on Sunday afternoon, April 12, between the hours of two and four in the afternoon in the main courtroom of the Elba courthouse. The Coffee County Commission has proclaimed that day in honor of the sixteen-year former sheriff, and they and their wives will host the reception.

The public is cordially invited to attend and show their admiration and respect for Tillman.

He was born in the Chestnut Grove Community of Coffee County on May 5, 1905, the only son of the late Edd and Angie Clower Tillman. He had four sisters who are all deceased: Emma married Charlie Helms, Elva married Gus DeVane, Palma married Willie Bell and Thelma married Rev. Comer Fuller. They all grew to maturity on the family farm in the north Coffee County community of Chestnut Grove. They were a Methodist family, and Tillman's membership has always been at the historic Chestnut Grove Methodist Church.

Upon reaching maturity Tillman married Mittie B. Fuller of his native community where they made their home and were successful farmers for some 20 years. It was here and during these years that their children were born: Adeli, Doris and Fred.

When construction began at Ft. Rucker, most of the farm labor in the area went there for employment and left the farm for better wages and a better lifestyle for their families. The Tillmans realized that they could no longer successfully operate their farm without the unavailable farm labor so they left their Chestnut Grove farm and moved to Elba.

H.D. Tillman became chief deputy sheriff of Coffee County and was assigned to the Elba Division. The Tillman family moved into the Coffee County Jail and Mrs. Tillman was the jailer in charge of all records for the sheriff's department. They both worked in these capacities for some two years.

During the World War II years, Tillman was employed as the resident inspector at Dorsey and managed and inspected many of the military contracts. While he served in this position, Dorsey's interest in a great desire to return to the law enforcement work during his years of employment in industry at Dorsey Trailers.

In 1946 he decided to seek the office of sheriff of Coffee County. He got transferred to the night shift so he could campaign during the day. After going home for breakfast he would take his lunch box that Mrs. Tillman had prepared for him and hit the campaign trail. Returning home late in the afternoon, he would sleep until time to get ready for his job. He did this for several months, and was elected by a large majority of votes.

H.D. Tillman became the twenty-eighth sheriff of Coffee County on January 10, 1947. He distinguished himself immediately as an outstanding official and became a greatly admired and respected sheriff from the beginning of his tenure of office. He always took the leadership in executing the many and varied duties of his office and never sent deputies into dangerous situations; he went himself or accompanied a deputy. The deputies respected and appreciated Sheriff Tillman for his total commitment and dedication to good law enforcement in Coffee County.

When he became sheriff, the Tillman family moved back to the Coffee County Jail where they resided during his tenure of office. They also purchased a home on children could have a home life, but both Sheriff and Mrs. Tillman always met their commitments at the jail as well as at home, and to their three children. They built their present home in 1971.

Sheriff Tillman became a charter member of the first Sheriffs Association organized in the state of Alabama. He was very instrumental and supportive in the organization of Alabama Boys Ranch at Selma, and continued to have a great interest in both organizations.

Tillman was elected five additional times as sheriff of Coffee County, serving 24 consecutive years in that capacity. He served the county well and is a highly respected



Former Sheriff H.D. Tillman

official and citizens. He retired from office on January 18, 1971, and he and his wife made their permanent home in Elba. Mrs. Tillman died on January 30, 1974, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba. Tillman continued to live in his Elba home and devote much of his time to his lifetime hobbies of hunting and horses. He has been recognized since youth as a skilled and enthusiastic bird hunter and always kept bird dogs as well as a group of bloodhounds which he used during his years as sheriff. Riding his horses was a favorite pastime for him, and he still owns a horse and takes great pride in him.

A second marriage was to Mrs. Onyx Willoughby Eagerton of the New Hope Community of Coffee County; they live most of the time at her home, but still maintain his Elba home and make almost daily trips to town. They are both retired and enjoy a wonderful life together. It is always refreshing and interesting to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman, as they travel about the county and enjoy its beauty, as well as enjoy each other and their family. Tillman has eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, in which he takes much pride.

He hopes many of his friends will attend the reception.



HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED . . . Church members at the Old Tabernacle United Methodist Church remove covering over an historical marker that was dedicated on Sunday, April 5, at the rural Coffee County church. The church is the third oldest Methodist church in Coffee County and an overflow crowd was on hand at the dedication ceremonies to honor past and present church members. The marker will stand in the church yard between the main auditorium and the fellowship hall.

enlarged to its present size.

In addition to the conference-assigned pastors, three local preachers served the church as needed: Travis Z. Hildreth, a charter member licensed to preach in 1860 who served until his death in 1900 without accepting payment for his services; Charlie G. Pope, who arrived in 1899 and served until his death in 1923, and Luke A. Rainey, who served intermittently from 1923 until 1955.

Others licensed to preach from the church were Charles H. Hildreth, Rex M. Mixson, Paul D. Wolfe and Robert G. Ellis. In 1954 the church became a half-time circuit and later in 1968 became a full-time church. The fellowship hall was named in memory of Wade F. Mixson in 1981.

Present pastor Rev. Michael L. White welcomed the overflow crowd to the occasion and Rev. Jonathan C. Cooley, Dothan District Superintendent, delivered the invocation. After the gathering joined in the singing of the hymn, "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing," Rev. Rex M. Mixson, Troy District Superintendent, introduced the Hon. Wayne Mixson, former lieutenant governor of Florida and the 39th governor of the state.

Mixson stated he had a special feeling for the church and informed the crowd that he had two great-grandfathers buried in the church cemetery. Mixson told the gathering that there was a "special light from above shining on the community" and spoke on behalf "of all the people with roots in the community that no longer live in the county but love the church and the community and have a special place in their hearts for the church."

After Rev. White introduced the former pastors in attendance, Probate Judge Marion Brunson spoke on the importance of historical markers. "Historical markers provide a permanent record of significant landmarks," stated Judge Brunson, "and as generations come and go it is easy to forget the heritage of the land. Historical markers honor the past and serve as a reminder to future citizens about history that shaped the world of today."

Mrs. Maud Byrd Windham spoke on the history of the pulpit Bible and gave a colorful history of both the Bible and the church's early days. She reported the first Bible was used for a number of years before it disappeared. William Mixson purchased the Bible on display at the dedication and it was chained to the pulpit to prevent it from being taken from the church, in 1877.

The pulpit and Bible were rescued from the fire that destroyed the church in 1932 and the Bible was later used in the second church until a newer Bible was purchased. Mrs. Windham received the Bible from the church elders and will donate the book to the Pea River Historical Society at the time of her death. She stated that out of curiosity she read the Bible through recently and found marks where 80 sermons had been taken from its pages over the years, despite the fact many pages are now missing, and an accurate count was impossible.

Mrs. Wynelle Lasseter, chairperson of the marker committee, told of the efforts that made the marker possible and reported that Mrs. Windham matched all donations received for the purchase of the marker.

The gathering moved outside the church for the actual dedication of the marker, and following the dedicatory prayer by Rev. Rex Mixson the beautiful marble marker was unveiled. Taking part in the unveiling were Wynelle Lasseter, Don Mixson, Shirley Bowman, Elsie Hilton and Blaine Waters.

A reception followed in the church fellowship hall and the many visitors and church members enjoyed recalling the days of old at the church and the community.

## Larry Ware is killed in car wreck

An Elba man was killed instantly last week when the car he was driving skidded out of control on a wet roadway and struck the guardrail of a bridge near Gantt, in Covington County.

The victim, identified as Larry Lee Ware, age 26, was reportedly traveling alone on Thursday night, April 2, at approximately 10 p.m. when the 1982 Nissan Stanza he was driving went out of control on Highway 29 North and hit the guardrail of the Gantt Bridge. The guardrail penetrated the car through the passenger's door, ripping it off and forcing it inside the car. Ware was killed instantly by the impact of the crash.

According to Alabama State Trooper Wesley Zimmerman, who investigated the wreck, Ware apparently lost control of the car on the wet pavement and the car went into a skid and collided with the guardrail, located six feet from the roadway.

Zimmerman stated Ware was at or near the speed limit at the time of crash and speed was no factor in the accident.

Charlotte, N.C., for three years and after a brief stint at the University of Alabama as an instructor, returned to WBTV, where he has worked as anchor man for the past seven years. Copies of Inman's novel, as well as copies of his first published works, "Notes in Closing," will be available for sale at the session and Inman will also autograph copies already purchased.

The day of April 18 will be declared "Bob Inman Day" in Elba and city officials urge all citizens to come out and meet the city's noted author.

## Autograph party set April 18

Elba native Bob Inman will hold an autograph session on Saturday, April 18, at city hall from 2 - 4 p.m., and all Elba residents are encouraged to attend the session to renew acquaintances and allow Inman to autograph copies of his first novel, "Home Fires Burning," now on sale to the public in Elba.

Inman son of Sonny and Sis Inman, graduated from Elba High School in 1961 and the University of Alabama in 1965. He served as the newscaster at WSEA-TV in Montgomery and later was press secretary for Gov. Albert Brewer. Inman returned to newscasting at WBTV in

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## Brainstorms

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

There was a lot of snow in Alabama last week. The cold weather set a record and ruined a lot of peach tree buds and flowers. My friend Ed Cooper asked that we tell everyone about this, because he knew we had nothing to write about and you hadn't heard about it. The truth probably is that Ed is disappointed because it didn't snow in Coffee County so he could impress folks with his expert driving ability and devotion to duty that would be sure the mail got through... at least on Rt. 4, Elba.

The Elba Band Day was a success... again. It has gotten to the point that those folks can succeed at just about anything they set their minds to do. The cold weather didn't prevent them from having a successful day Saturday and the grins on the faces of the leaders this year told the story... they exceeded their goal. Congratulations! Now we will watch as the new music department takes shape of this fund-raising because the money is pledged to buy needed equipment for the facility.

H.D. Tillman will be honored Sunday afternoon at the Elba courthouse. Tillman served as sheriff of Coffee County for a long time and under some very trying conditions. He worked the entire county with one or two deputies, lived in the jail with his wife cooking for the prisoners. Money was short in Coffee County as in other counties, but he made it enough. Go by the courthouse Sunday afternoon and give your thanks to Mr. Tillman, and the same time look over the renovation work that has taken place in the courthouse. You will be pleasantly surprised.

We read that Andy Rooney of 60 Minutes will not be getting his \$400,000 a year salary as he refused to work. Well now, that makes sense. The news is that Rooney is refusing to work in sympathy with the Writer's Guild strike now in its fifth week. We didn't know there was a strike and don't know the details, but if it will keep Andy Rooney and his silly messages off the tube, then we are proud of it. Just think - \$400,000 a year for that! I would do the same thing for a lot less, be just as silly and boring, and they could give the balance to some other hungry family - or maybe cut it out altogether and give the whole \$400,000 to a worthy cause.

We attended an outdoor wedding Saturday. We don't go to many weddings at all, but this was an aunt who lost her spouse several years ago. Anyway it was at a pond or "manmade lake." We were standing on the dam while the wedding was taking place on an arched bridge, and the preacher using his loudest vocal voice. During the buildup for the preacher, the bride's lawyer son from Oklahoma and his teenage daughter stood on a little jute-out of land and sang some song. All I could think about as they sang was that if that young girl would move a few feet to her right, she would be right where I was standing about ten years ago catching a lunker bass that now hangs on my wall! Another uncle summed it up pretty good when he said he had seen this family for over 40 years and had seen a lot of crazy things, but this one took the cake... Monk. I was cold too.

We have been asked several times during the past week for an opinion on the recent spy scandal talk coming out of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Well, spying goes on all the time on both sides, so that doesn't surprise us. We noted that all the experts devising ways to spy on each other, the Russians used the oldest method known to man... seduction by a pretty woman. The Bible refers to this as a successful way... just ask Samson. As far as there are men and women this method will be used successfully. As far as the deal about the new embassy and the bugging of that building, we think it is pure stupid to allow such things in the first place. The Russians were smart enough to prevent us from bugging their construction by requiring their folks watch every stage of construction - yet our experts weren't smart enough to think of that.

We read a recent report of insider trades or stock purchases and sales by company officers and major stockholders. There was a report of one who bought a few shares, making his total over 386,000 shares. What probably hurts here is that we know the stock has dropped recently over \$10 a share, costing this man \$4 million, at least on paper. He may have bought the stock for a dollar, but if he had sold at peak he would be a very rich man today.

**Elba Students Named To Troy State Dean's List**  
Elba students on the President's List and Dean's List for fall quarter are listed as follows:  
**President's List** - Beverly McCall, James Mathew Kelley  
**Dean's List** - Stephen Harris Davis, Kimberly Whitman Miller, Karen Marie Morrow, Taylor Rushing  
The President's List recognizes students earning a straight A average.

### ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of 4 arrests (public intoxication, disorderly conduct, assault - 3rd degree and harassment) and 2 traffic citations issued (passing in prohibited zone and speeding). Following are activity reports for the week ending April 6:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**  
Activity included a vehicle on fire on 84 East (12:00 p.m.) and a wreck (9:32 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**  
Activity included a disturbance at Brunson Creek (4:41 p.m.) and a possible theft at a residence on the Kinston Highway (11:19 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
Activity included a wreck on the bridge on Alabama 203 (4:08 a.m.) and a fight at the Little Beaver Trailer Park (5:36 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**  
Activity included a wreck on Claxton Ave. (9:31 a.m.) and a wreck at the intersection of Jones and Jackson (5:28 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
Activity included a disturbance at

Morrow Village (4:54 p.m.) and a wreck on the Kinston Highway (11:49 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
Routine activity reported.

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**  
Activity included a wreck on the Taylor Mill Road (12:12 a.m.) and a disturbance at Harper Apartments (8:33 p.m.).



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### WE RECEIVE LETTERS

**Dear Editor,**  
It is a shame that the bureaucrats in our state government are so engrossed in politics that they forget about the people who elected or appointed them into their office in the first place. There are in fact a few exceptions - Rep. Jimmy Holley for example.

Please let me explain. I received - and justly so - a speeding ticket in the state of New Mexico. The trooper who gave me the citation was very courteous and explained the procedures for mailing in the fine. All of this was complied with as per instructions. However, the postal money order which was purchased for this fine was applied to another traffic ticket instead of mine, resulting in the state of New Mexico forwarding to the state of Alabama Dept. of Public Safety a "failure to appear in court" or "failure to pay a traffic fine" notice, resulting in the suspension of my Alabama driver's license.

The Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, without any further evidence, suspended my driving privileges until such time as this matter was cleared up. This only caused me to be late for work. I immediately telephoned New Mexico and got this matter cleared up, with a sincere apology from the people who made the mistake.

I then contacted the Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, but to my surprise the folks in Montgomery were very rude and unhelpful about this matter, stating they could not do anything about it. I made several telephone calls to the director of the Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, the assistant director and the Driver's License Division, but no one would listen to me.

### Sullivan To Speak

#### At Farm Center

Jean Sullivan, national committee woman for the Republican Party, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Coffee County Republicans tonight (Thursday, April 9), at 7 o'clock at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Sullivan is married to Ira O. Sullivan and is the mother of five children. She has 20 years managerial experience in operating a finance company, 12 years as owner, and a year's banking experience.

### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of March 31 through April 6 include the following:

Jerry Duncan, Mark Barnes, Ervin Blackman, Rufus Knotts, Brick Miller, Anita Wyatt, Rena Whitehead, Danny Williams, Dorothy Williams, Gwendolyn Hickman, Nettie L. Hudson.  
Those discharged during the same period of time include Lura Roberts, Wilbur Grimes, Carl Hartley, Mark Barnes, Hattie Bass, Amanda Adkins, Annie Knight, Ervin Blackman, Brick Miller, Mary Kelley, D. Johnson.

problem, don't you?" And while I waited on the phone he checked, then came back on said, "Yes, we have the request to reinstate your license from New Mexico, that they made a mistake, but it looks like someone here has also made a mistake by not reinstating you when they received the request."

This spokesman said he would get back to me the next day. Upon advice from a citizen in Elba, I contacted State Rep. Jimmy Holley, and he told me there had been a grave injustice done to me, and that he would look into the matter and get back to me that day or night. He also advised me to get an attorney to try and receive compensation for my time out of work.

Before the end of that day, the director of the Safety Dept. was on the phone to me, advising that as of that day my driving privileges had been reinstated.

The point I am trying to make is the inactivity of the people in Montgomery to the needs of the people. But, I am happy to say our Rep. Holley looks out for his constituents. His efforts resulted in action in getting my problem cleared up.

Sincerely,  
**ALBERT WISE**  
Elba, Alabama

## OBITUARIES

**RUFUS WILLIAM KNOTTS**  
Mr. Rufus William Knotts, 70, of Elba, died April 4, 1987, in the Elba hospital.

Funeral services were held April 6, at 11 a.m., from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Ministers Bob Prichard and Raymond Elliott officiating. Burial followed in Blytheville, Ark.

Survivors include his wife: Jessie Mae Knotts, Elba; one daughter - Erma Hardy, Enterprise; one son - Joseph E. Knotts, Clinton; Randolph Knotts, Brewton; his step-mother: Bertha Knotts, Troy; one sister: Alice Stubby, Birmingham; three brothers: Joe Knotts, Columbus, Ga.; John Knotts, Troy; James Knotts, Birmingham; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**PAUL A. TRAMMELL**  
Mr. Paul A. Trammell, age 91, of Elba, died April 5, 1987, in the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held April 6, at 2 p.m., from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Ministers Bob Prichard and Raymond Elliott officiating. Burial followed in Blytheville, Ark.

Survivors include his wife: Lizzie Trammell, Elba; one daughter: Ruth Payne, Blytheville, Ark.; one son - Ralph Trammell, Laurel, Miss.; one sister: Ethel Pawley, Salem, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.



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### LETTER TO EDITOR

**Dear Ricky,**  
Band Day is always a big event for Elba. It is an opportunity for band members to display a year's worth of many long hours of hard work and practice.

Band Day is also an opportunity for the band to raise funds for uniforms, equipment, music, various contests and travel expenses.

Each year a goal is set, and this year's goal was \$10,000, and with much effort and support a successful Band Day's total reached \$11,995.26.

However, none of this would have been possible without the support of band boosters and the citizens of Elba. A special thanks to all who contributed in any way.

On behalf of Susan Tindol and Carolyn Kelley, chairpersons, Danny Davis director, a special thanks!

### Card Of

## THANKS

The family of **EDNA PARKER** would like to thank you for your kindness during the sickness and death of our mother and wife.

Thank you for the prayers, food and flowers.

A special thanks to the Elba Rescue Squad for their prompt attention.

**J.C. PARKER**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**ELBA DIVISION**  
**CIVIL ACTION NO. CV 84-14**

**vs.**  
**ROLAND W. POPE, Ray Armstrong, Linda Pope Reeder, Karen Pope Rice, John W. Crosby, Grace C. Farris, Nell Clemmon, L. Randolph Crosby and Klity Herrington,**  
**Defendants**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of March, 1987, by the Hon. Marion B. Brunson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**/s/ MARY L. BARBEREE**  
3-26-31c

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

**ESTATE OF JOE S. STOKES, deceased**  
**PROBATE COURT**

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of March, 1987, by the Hon. Marion B. Brunson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**/s/ Mary Nell Hollis**  
3-26-31c

**ESTATE OF JAMES DALLAS BARBEREE, DECEASED**  
**PROBATE COURT**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of March, 1987, by the Hon. Marion B. Brunson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**/s/ JEANETTE B. MORGAN**  
4-2-31c

**LUICO POPE, Plaintiff**

**vs.**  
**Roland W. Pope, Ray Armstrong, Linda Pope Reeder, Karen Pope Rice, John W. Crosby, Grace C. Farris, Nell Clemmon, L. Randolph Crosby and Klity Herrington,**  
**Defendants**

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**/s/ MARY L. BARBEREE**  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with a decree of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division rendered in the above styled cause, said decree being dated March 26, 1987, the undersigned, Jim Ellis, as Circuit Clerk of Coffee County, will proceed to sell, at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, between the legal hours of sale, before the Coffee County Courthouse door in Elba, Alabama, on May 5, 1987, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., the following described property and real estate located in Coffee County, to-wit:

The SE¼ of NE¼ and one acre on South side of NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 11, all SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 12, all in T4N, R20E, Coffee County, State of Alabama, less & except that certain parcel of land conveyed to David L. Trawick and wife, Sandra Trawick as follows:

Beginning at a point where the West line of the SE¼ of NE¼, Section 11, T4N, R20E intersects the West side of Coffee County Road #43; thence N 61° 25' E 221.35 feet to a point; thence S 61° 25' E 221.35 feet to a point; thence S 28° 48' W along the West side of said road a chord distance of 382.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being located in the SE¼ of the NE¼, Section 11, T4N, R20E and containing 1 acre, more or less and made subject to existing power line easement to Covington Electric Cooperative.

Said sale is being made for the purpose of a division of the proceeds of said sale among the joint owners and tenants in common thereof. Pursuant to order of the court, minimum opening bid must be at least forty thousand dollars.

Done this 31st day of March, 1987.

**/s/ JIM ELLIS**  
Circuit Clerk  
4-9-31c

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

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## Social Notes

### Miss Carpenter & Mr. Dockins United In Marriage

Stacey Carpenter and Brian Dockins were united in marriage on Valentine's Day, February 14, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Panama City Beach, Fla. The Rev. Jerry Warren performed the double-ring ceremony.

Stacey was given in marriage by her father, Ben Carpenter. Her matron of honor and only attendant was her mother, Sandra Carpenter. The bride wore a gown of white silk tulle with a high neckline of silk Venice lace appliques and pearls. Matching lace adorned the inset yoke of English netting and extended over the shoulders.

Drop pearl strands accented the shoulders forming a cap sleeve effect. Pearls and iridescent accents the basque bodice which featured a deep Vee at the waist. Pearl strands circled the waist matching the design at the shoulders.

The formal skirt was slightly gathered and edged in embroidered silk Venice lace at the hemline and extending around the chapel-length train. Tiny satin covered buttons extended down the back of the gown. Her two-tiered veil of silk illusion was caught to a beaded headpiece. Tiny silk roses and pearl sprays accented the headpiece and a pool of fluted illusion held the finger tip-length veil.

The bride carried a bridal bouquet of orange blossoms, red roses and tiny sweetheart roses in mauve.

The bride's matron of honor and her only attendant was her mother, Sandra Carpenter.

Ms. Carpenter wore an ecru lace off-shoulder mid-length dress with dusty rose lining. She carried a

foods and punch. Ellen Lowrey and Marjorie Overstreet presided over the refreshment tables. Cheryl Fore registered guests and Jill Fore carried the rice basket.

Mrs. Corinne Lowrey, grandmother of the bride, directed the reception.

The bride and groom plan a honeymoon in the Smoky Mountains. They are both employed by Knoxville City Schools.

Approximately 100 friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

### Miss Burkett To Receive TSU Scholarship

Miss Jana Alyson Burkett of New Brooklyn, has been named recipient of a George C. Wallace Academic scholarship to Troy State University.

The announcement was made by University Chancellor, Dr. Ralph W. Adams.

Miss Burkett, the daughter of James A. Burkett, is a graduating senior at Enterprise State Junior College, where she was the recipient of the President's Award.

Each year the George C. Wallace scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school and junior college students who have excelled in academic and/or leadership accomplishments.

A three-tiered wedding cake was served to guests, along with finger



L-R: Karen Hataway - 2nd runner-up; Judy Mauch - Miss Kinston; and Lynn Kelley - 1st runner-up.

### Miss Judy Mauch Is Crowned Miss Kinston April 2nd

The annual Miss Kinston pageant was held on Thursday night, April 2, at the Kinston High School auditorium and crowned as Miss Kinston 1987 was Miss Judy Mauch, the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mauch.

The first runner-up was Miss Lynn Kelley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kelley and the second runner-up was Miss Karen Hataway, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hataway.

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### Tasting Tea Is Big Success

The Educational Building of the First Methodist Church was the setting for the Azalea Garden Club's Tasting Tea on Thursday afternoon, April 2.

Baskets of colorful spring flowers were placed at vantage points throughout the spacious entertainment area. The round tables were covered with party cloths and held baskets of soft pink azaleas.

The tables held trays of tasty party foods of various kinds, prepared by club members.

Guests were directed to the punch table and had their choice of foods offered.

Focal point of the decorations was the Easter display which evidenced much artistic work.

Out-of-town visitors as well as local residents enjoyed the club's affair.

### Elba Study Club Meets With Mrs. Tatum

The April meeting of the Elba Study Club was held in the home of Mrs. Duke Tatum Sr. Refreshments were served.

A program on "Sharing Talents" was given by Mrs. John I. Jones. Following her talk each club member showed a piece of her handiwork and told about it.

The president, Mrs. W.H. Taylor, presided over a short business session. She read several letters of interest to the club.

The roll was called and minutes read by the secretary. The treasurer gave her report. The meeting was adjourned by the president.

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# Sports

## Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

If you watched television over the weekend I don't have to tell you that not much was going on in the world of sports, so imagine how slow the activity was around Elba! While the slowdown isn't good for someone who writes about sports every week in his column, I'm not complaining because by the end of the month softball will be going full speed and the youth leagues will be starting their seasons. I guess it's just the calm before the storm!

### THE WEATHER IS THE BIG WINNER IN BASEBALL

The weather was the big winner last week in high school baseball as the Elba Tigers got rained out twice and had another game postponed due to the cold weather. The Tigers play a lot of games in a short span and last week's schedule will play havoc with the remainder of the schedule as Coach Rainer tries to get in all the games in only a matter of days. Oh well, at least the players won't have to wonder what to do for the next couple of weeks!

### SOFTBALL TEAMS ARE WANTED FOR MEN'S LEAGUE

Only five teams have entered the men's softball league in Elba and in an attempt to give players more time to find sponsors the deadline to enter this year's league has been backed up to April 14. Softball is a good, clean way to have fun and get some exercise at the same time, and when you stop and consider the entry fee it comes out to only about \$1 per player per game, and that is not a very expensive way to get in shape! If anyone wants to get up a team and needs extra players, just contact the recreation director and he'll be glad to get you in contact with the right people. C'mon folks - join the fun!

IN CLOSING . . .

I planned on going fishing last weekend, only to postpone the trip because of the cold, windy weather; however, I've rearranged my schedule and if the die weather man will cooperate I'll wet my hook this weekend and try my luck. I do believe I'll catch some fish, but don't look for any pictures in the paper!!

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## Elba Tiger Baseballers Looking For 1st Win Of Season

The Elba Tigers played their best baseball of the young season last week, but came away short in all three games as they saw their record slip to 0-4.

Elba will return to action today (Thursday) when it travels to Daleville for a crucial Area 4 battle and will battle Daleville again Monday at home. Today's game will start at 3:15 and Monday's game is scheduled to begin at 4:00.

### April 14 Is New Deadline For Teams To Join Elba Men's Softball League

Elba recreation director Dennis Smith has announced that any teams wishing to enter the men's softball league in Elba have until Tuesday, April 14, at 5 p.m. to pay the league entry fee. The season is scheduled to begin the week of April 20 and the deadline will be strictly enforced. A total of six teams have entered the league and additional teams are urged to join as soon as possible to make the league better than ever!

### Elba Recreation Department Taking Applications For Summer Employment

The Elba Recreation Dept. is now taking applications for anyone wishing to work during the summer. Job openings are for scorekeepers, concession stand operators and lifeguards. Applications may be picked up at City Hall during regular working hours.

### Elba Dixie Youth Baseball Exhibition Season To Begin On April 20

The Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League will open its exhibition season next week with three nights of games on tap. Monday night, April 20, the Mets will tangle with the Tigers at 6:00, to be followed at 7:30 with the battle between the Pirates and the Yankees.

On Thursday night, April 23, the Yankees will meet the Astros at 6:00

### Elba Umpires Association To Meet Sunday, April 12 At 8:00 P.M.

The Elba Umpires Association will meet on Sunday, April 12, at 8 p.m. at the Elba High School library. Assignments for the opening week of both the baseball and softball seasons will be made and all umpires are required to attend to receive an assignment!

Any prospective umpires wishing to join the association are invited to attend.

For more information call Ricky Mularz at 897-5977 (nights).



L-R: Mickey Nelson and Dwan Pope display some "Spring Boss Gobbler" they bagged on March 21.

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Following are highlights of last week's games:

**Andalusia 5 Elba 4**  
Andalusia scored single runs in the final two innings to rally past the Elba Tigers 5-4, in Andalusia.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning when Stan Sauls singled and came around to score on a double by David Ammons;

however, Andalusia took advantage of two Elba errors in the third inning to plate two runs and go ahead 2-1.

The Bulldogs' lead went to 3-1 in the fourth inning and it appeared Andalusia was in command, but the Tigers refused to quit and bounced back with three runs in the fifth inning to erase the Bulldog lead and move on top 4-3.

Consecutive singles by Stan Sauls, Greg Hanchey, Kim Berry and Lamar Stokes did the damage for the Tigers and although Stokes was stranded on third, the Tigers had rallied to take a 4-3 lead late in the game!

Andalusia combined a walk with an error to tie the score in the bottom of the fifth and then used two walks and a fielder's choice in the sixth to go back on top 5-4.

Elba's Stan Sauls and Kim Berry opened the seventh inning with singles to give the Tigers hopes of a comeback, but the next three Tiger batters went down swinging as Andalusia held on for the win.

Stan Sauls and Kim Berry got three hits apiece for the Tigers, while Greg Hanchey added 2. Elba outbatted the Bulldogs 12-4 in the game, but committed four costly errors.

**Andalusia 3 Elba 0**  
Andalusia led all the way to dump the Elba Tigers 3-0 in the nightcap of last week's double-header in Andalusia.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning on the strength of three hits and then added lone runs in the third and sixth innings to post the win.

Greg Hanchey and Stan Sauls got two hits apiece for the Tigers, which were outbatted 12-5 in the loss.

The Elba Tigers spotted the Enterprise Wildcats five early runs and then came storming back, only to fall short as the visiting Wildcats scored three runs in the seventh inning to hand the Tigers a narrow 5-3 loss at Elba.

The Wildcats came out ready to

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## For Collins Hobby Turned Into A Way To Make A Living

There is a world of difference between the hectic and highly publicized life of a high school football coach and the quiet, solitary life of a taxidermist, and to think a person might enjoy both professions is almost unheard of.

David Collins, a former coach at Zion Chapel, Selma and Dothan, hung up his coach's shoes in the summer of 1985 to pursue his ambition of being the "best taxidermist he could be," and moved his family back to the serenity of the Jack Community, located in north Coffee County, to open a taxidermist shop and to enjoy the beauty of nature and its inhabitants -- a move he states he has never regretted.

"The last year I coached I was at Dothan High School and it seemed like every spare minute was spent doing something involving sports," said Collins during whatever spare time he could find, and after a long talk with his wife, we decided to move back to Coffee County and buy a home and some land and give taxidermy a shot. It was a decision we've never regretted making, and as I look back I think it was a decision I wanted to make earlier, but just could not get up the nerve to do it.

"We moved back to Jack in the summer of 1985 and we hope to be here a mighty long time."

Collins, a native of Dothan, reported he began to develop an interest in taxidermy in the 11th grade in high school, and his first project was to tan a bobcat hide he

found in the road. The attempt didn't result in much of a success; however, the spark of interest had been created and a correspondence course soon followed, and dead animals such as squirrels and birds became experiments.

"When I first got started the dead rats," laughed Collins, "but I didn't quit trying, and eventually got better, where you could at least tell what kind of animal it was."

"The first time I got paid for my new-found talent was when I was still in high school; a friend paid me \$6 to preserve a squirrel," Collins said. "I probably lost money on the project, but then again he probably got what he paid for."

"I tinkered with taxidermy as the years went on and I did a couple of deer heads for friends while I was in college, but I really got serious until I started coaching at Selma. The people there I knew were big hunters and everywhere you looked there were deer heads or animals of some kind that had been preserved. I figured I could pick up some extra money, which I needed, and I began to work hard at improving my trade. Looking back I would have to say it was the getting into taxidermy."

"To me the best part of being a taxidermist is being able to be your own boss and being able to be close to nature," Collins stated. "I've always enjoyed hunting and fishing and being able to take a pair of horns and make it into something I can put on my wall. I've always been interested in art, and it helps when you can picture in your mind what the animal looked like running free in the woods or swimming in a lake, and you are able to capture that image in your work."

"I don't try to just preserve an animal so someone can hang it on their wall, I try to make the animal appear as lifelike as possible. Being able to capture the true likeness is almost like hunting and bagging the animal."

Collins stated that if he didn't have anything else to do it would take approximately four weeks to mount a fish. The procedure of mounting a fish is not as simple as many people may think, and Collins gave the account of a typical mounting project:

The fish will usually be frozen when brought into the shop, and the first thing to be done is to skin the fish and place the skin into a preservative solution overnight. The following day the fish is mounted, poked and pinned on a board for two or three weeks to allow the skin to dry completely. Then the fins are reinforced and repairs made to the skin; the eyes are then set and the fish painted with an airbrush. After a fish is dried the skin has no color, so it is very important that the taxidermist know the exact color scheme of the fish to make it look as lifelike as possible.

"When someone catches a fish they want to mount," Collins stated, "they should place it in a plastic bag with a small amount of water and freeze it. Never place the fish in a newspaper to freeze or the texture of the paper will freeze the skin."

"The biggest gripe I have with deer hunters is that many times they will spend \$15,000 on a four-wheel drive truck to hunt, \$400 for a good gun and a lot of money training and keeping good dogs, and then try to save a few bucks on getting the deer mounted when they finally kill one! be top quality and not worry about saving a little money. If the only thing you're concerned about is how fast and how cheap you can have your deer mounted, you'll get just what you pay for and be sorry for a long time to come."

Collins stated that when hunters kill a deer it should be skinned immediately, and the only thing the taxidermist will need is the skin and the horns. When these are received, the skin is rolled and placed in the freezer, and the horns hung to dry. When ready to begin work, the taxidermist will wash the skins extensively to remove any odor, preserve the skin and flesh it down again prior to placing it on a form. The skin will then be allowed to dry three or four weeks and the job can be completed.

"If you are hunting and shoot a deer, but the deer is not dead when you get to it," said Collins, "shoot it again behind the shoulder - don't cut the throat! If you shoot the deer behind the shoulder it will get into the lungs and kill it instantly. If the



THE FIRST STEP . . . David Collins, owner of Collins Taxidermy, checks a fish after the skin has soaked overnight in a preserving solution. Collins stated that after cleaning a fish it must be placed in the solution overnight prior to any further work.

Collins Taxidermy is located north of Elba on Highway 87 and is open to the public every day except Sunday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Collins Taxidermy is certified by the National Taxidermist Association and the Alabama Taxidermist Association and has won honors at both association's annual shows, including "Best in Show" at last year's state convention. The phone number is 897-3710.

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\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you! The Brunson family, the Ware family, Mrs. Estella Williams, Mr. Grover Belcher, Rev. Charlie Jones. Family and Friends Day will be held at the Antioch Baptist Church April 12 at 10 a.m. in Andalusia. Sunday School will be held at 10, with regular teacher. Morning services will be held at 11 a.m. with sermon by the pastor. The activities at 2:30 will include devotional by Morning Start, Enterprise, Mr. Chapel and Jordan Grove.

Welcome will be given by Sis. Annie Crittenden, speaker - Rev. Chester Hayes. Sister Crittenden is the clerk; Deacon - Early Robertson; pastor - Rev. W.L. Peterson.

\*\*\*Attorney Milton E. Belcher, Montgomery, formerly of Elba, was a participant on a program April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Tuskegee Municipal auditorium at Tuskegee University. Subject of the program will be "Booker T. Washington's Impact on Religion, Politics and Culture in Tuskegee."

Belcher is chief of Civil Rights Unit Office of the attorney general in Montgomery.

\*\*\*Rev. G.C. Thomas, Enterprise, was in charge of the installation service of Rev. W.L. Peterson, pastor-elect of Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Elba, Sunday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Thomas' text was 2 Cor. 9:18, subject: The Gospel Servant.

\*\*\*Good Friday services will be held at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association Building in Elba on Friday evening, April 17, at 7 o'clock.



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Regular morning services will be observed with Sunday School at 9:45, and worship at 11:00.

Dinner will be served in the church dining hall.

Program at 3 p.m. will include welcome by Mr. Perry Simson, tribute by Mrs. Annie P. Bullard. Anniversary sermon will be presented by Rev. N.L. Robinson.

As instructor in Christian Education of the Howard College Extension at the M.M.B.A. Education Building in Elba, one of the students had this to say: "I've found and believe he is able, apt and reliable. His instructions and teachings are from 'thus saith the Lord.'"

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Thursday - Tuna Salad on Lettuce, French Fries, Crackers, Chilled Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Holiday

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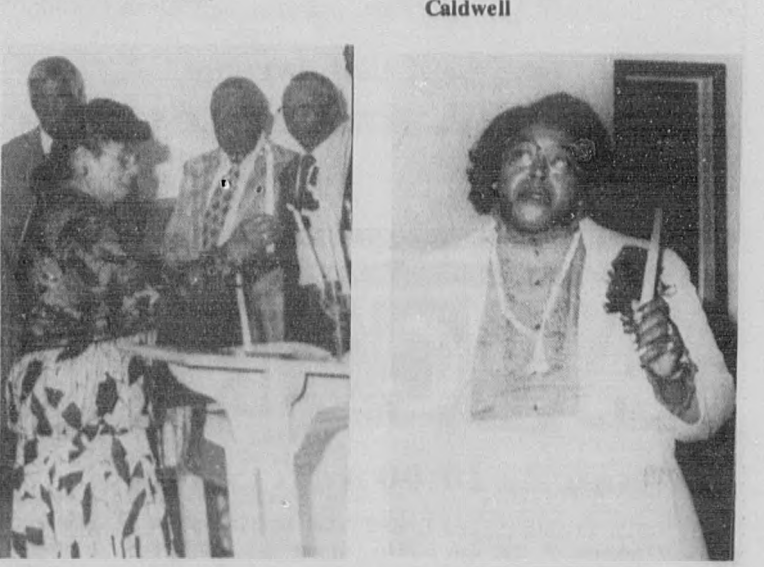
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\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: The Brunson family, the Ware family, Mrs. Estella Williams, Mr. Crover Belcher, Rev. Charlie Jones, Family and Friends Day will be held at the Antioch Baptist Church April 12 at 10 a.m. in Andalusia. Sunday School will be held at 10, with regular teacher. Morning services will be held at 11 a.m. with sermon by the pastor. The activities at 2:30 will include devotionals by Morning Stars, Enterprise; Mt. Chapel and Jordan Grove. Welcome will be given by Sis. Annie Crittenden, speaker - Rev. Chester Hayes. Sister Crittenden is the clerk; Deacon - Early Robertson; pastor - Rev. W.L. Peterson.

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Dr. John L. Grayer, pastor, Elba Zion Baptist Church, will be honored at a 15th anniversary program on April 19. Theme will be taken from II Cor. 4:5.

Regular morning services will be observed with Sunday School at 9:45, and worship at 11:00.

Dinner will be served in the church dining hall.

Program at 3 p.m. will include welcome by Mr. Perry Simson, tribute by Mrs. Annie P. Bullard. Anniversary sermon will be presented by Rev. N.L. Robinson.

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He attended Carver Bible College and graduated from Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

He did postgraduate work at Howard College (Samford University), Birmingham, Troy State University, Selma University, Carver Bible College, Atlanta.

He was director, teacher and Dean of Religion at Samford Extension, Troy for 14 years, and dean, Pike Union Missionary Baptist Sunday School Congress of Christian Education, Troy for 17 years. He has been moderator of Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association, Troy for 14 years. He is president of Troy Interdenominational Ministerial Association, Troy, pastored five churches in the Southeast. District, Troy and Springfield. He is now pastor of the White Street Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn. He has been pastor of the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Chatmon is married to the former Miss Ocie Larkin of Troy. He has earned high honors for his leadership, courage, love of God and humanity. As moderator of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association, it takes all of these.

I took note that he has had training but it was his own hard work, determination and dedication that built his rewarding careers, and he gives God the honor for being the man he is.

As instructor in Christian Education of the Howard College Extension at the M.M.B.A. Education Building in Elba, one of the students had this to say: "I've found and believe he is able, apt and reliable. His instructions and teachings are from 'thus saith the Lord.'"

Rev. Chatmon, I respect your leadership because your life is in keeping with your teaching. And may these words of praise make you more humble.

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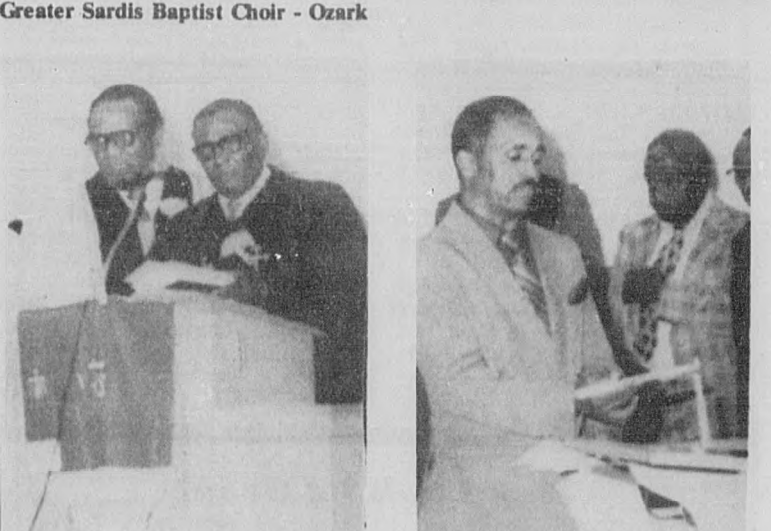
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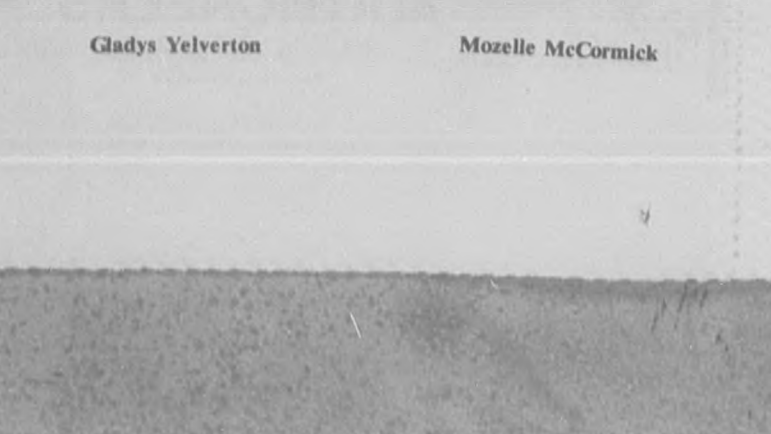
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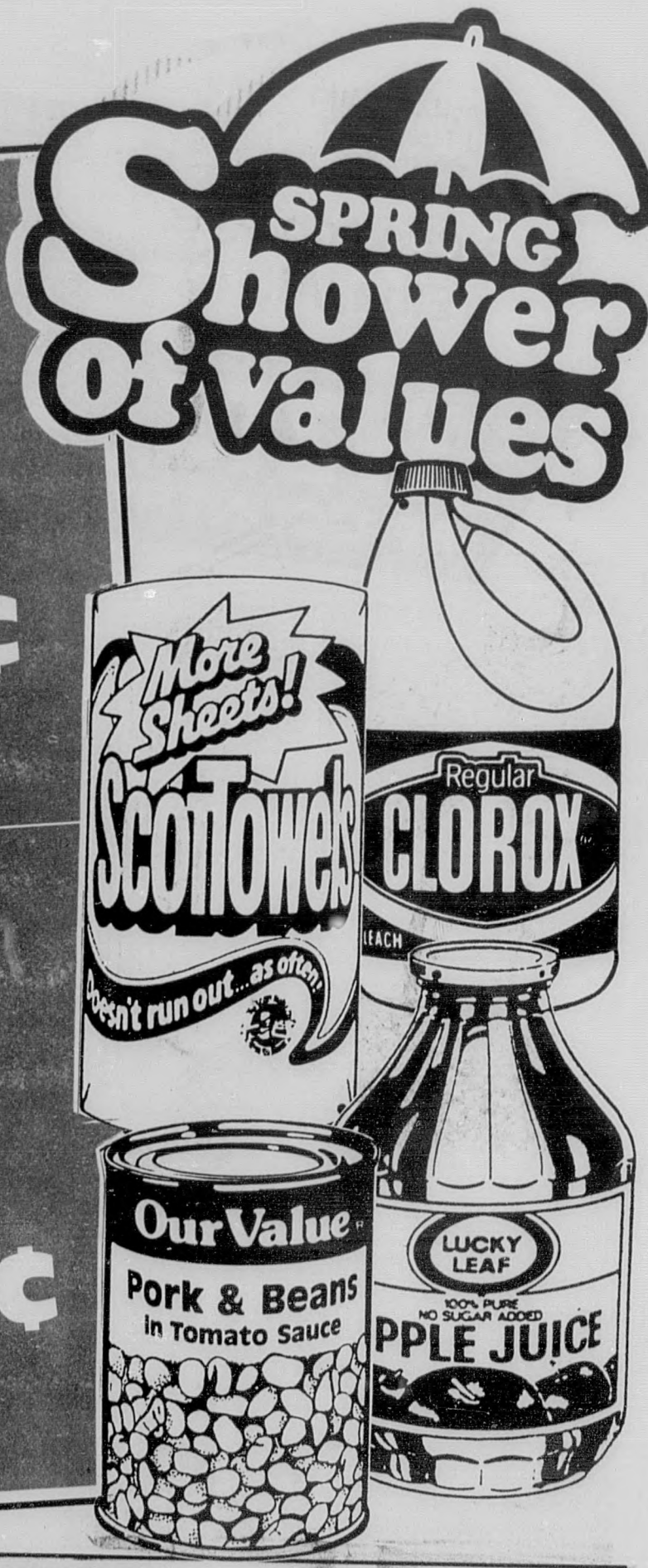
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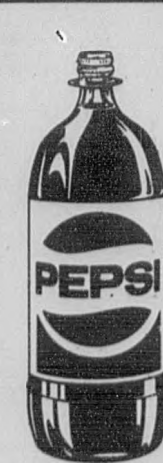
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## Commission passes problems on to City of Elba

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 13, at the courthouse in Enterprise and it wasn't a good day for the City of Elba as the commission told the city's garbage contractor it would have to change its method of dumping garbage at the landfill immediately, stating the city would have to pay the set fee for using the landfill by May 1 or find an alternate site for dumping, and strongly hinted that the city may soon be forced to build a jail as the county may be forced to adopt a policy not to accept any prisoners except those apprehended by the county sheriff's department.

Representatives from Waste Away, Inc., were present at the bi-monthly meeting and asked that it continue to be allowed to combine trash and garbage in its trucks and to dump the mixture at the county landfill. The spokesmen told the commission they had been told by the previous county engineer that such a plan was acceptable and the contract awarded to the company by Elba was based on the acceptance of the method of garbage pickup.

To separate the garbage and trash would cause a financial setback for the company, according to the representatives. The commission was told that the garbage dumped at the landfill was 80-90 percent household refuse and that the combination of the two types of refuse would not shorten the lifespan of the landfill.

After a lengthy discussion, the commission told the representatives they may return to the next meeting to again discuss the problem, but then told company officials that it must stop the practice immediately. Commissioner Bill Faulk stated that when the present commission took office it discovered discrepancies in the amount charged to the cities in the county for dumping at the landfill, and at a meeting in October a new set fee was adopted for all users of the landfill based on the landfill's operating cost and the amount of garbage dumped at the site by the cities.

Faulk reported that while Enterprise and New Brockton began paying the new rate at the time of the agreement, Elba officials failed to agree on the new rate and actually went on record as being in favor of the new rate. The city, according to Commissioner Faulk, has not paid the new rate since it was adopted six months ago, and the time had come for the city to pay the fee or find an alternate means of dumping its refuse. He made a motion that the commission send a letter to city officials stating that on May 1, 1987, the city will have to pay the new rate or find an alternate site. Commissioner Robert Stephens explained that when the commission began studying the new rate to be charged, it was discovered that the rate being paid by Elba was almost double that being paid by Enterprise, and Elba officials stated they would continue to pay the former rate until the city had been reimbursed the overpayment through usage of the lower rate. The method was to take approximately five years.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in state

Gov. Guy Hunt has proclaimed the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Alabama. Coffee County Human Resources Director Ron Smith has announced. The State Dept. of Human Resources is the agency required, by law, to receive and investigate reports of abuse and neglect.

"We have had great success in making the public more aware of the problem, and now, we are paying particular attention to taking preventive measures as well as working to remedy the problem after abuse has occurred," Smith said.

Smith pointed out that the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources is emphasizing the prevention of child abuse and neglect with its unique Family Life Enrichment Program. This program stresses the importance of preserving family life and building on strengths which all families have. Obviously, it makes sense to take steps to prevent a problem from developing or occurring, rather than simply responding after the damage is already done, he said.

During fiscal year 1986,

### Commercial motor vehicles to face highway inspection by state troopers

Gov. Guy Hunt has joined Dept. of Public Safety officials in inaugurating Alabama's first commercial vehicle inspections under the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. Hunt said the "need for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program is without question. The results of this work will be safer roadways for all motorists, not just for the commercial motor vehicles targeted for inspection under the program."

Task Force members agree that prevention efforts should start in the early grades before reasons for dropping out develop. According to Lavinie, the "bottom line" in prevention is showing genuine concern for a student as a person. He said it should be a crime for a student to be allowed to drop out of school without first someone telling him or her, "I care. I don't want you

### Causes for dropouts discussed by educators

A committee appointed last year by State Supt. of Education Wayne Teague to develop a plan for reducing and preventing school dropout is nearing the end of its task, according to Floyd R. Johnson Jr., State Dept. of Education coordinator for school attendance.

The committee, comprised of about 20 superintendents, school attendance supervisors and coordinators, principals and counselors, has been meeting since last September and expects to complete its work by summer.

"We should have the final document completed by the end of May," said Dr. Oble J. Lavinie, chairman of the Dropout Prevention Task Force and superintendent of Lauderdale County schools.

The group has compiled a list of reasons why students drop out of school and drafted suggestions and proposals to counter these reasons. Some causes of student dropout include poor interpersonal skills and poor self-concept; lack of support services; difficulty with the transition from elementary to junior high or middle school; absenteeism and truancy; frequent illness; personal appearance; substance abuse; personal or financial reasons; disruptive behavior; suspension; expulsion; feelings of harassment by teachers and/or administrators; disinterest in school subjects; excessive standards; and inappropriate school placement and curriculum.

Everyone is welcome, and anyone who has a copy of Bob's book

to drop out of school."

"We can't expect to improve ourselves as a state, as a nation and as a people if we don't educate our children, and we can't educate our children if they are dropping out of school," Teague said.

"There are an awful lot of problems and pressures placed on our young people today," he added, "and our schools as well as our families and communities simply must do more to keep these kids in school and see that they get a good education."

### Sunday afternoon reception to honor Elba native Bob Inman

A reception honoring Bob Inman upon the release of his first published novel entitled "Home Fires Burning" will be held at Elba City Hall Saturday, April 18, two until four o'clock, in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome, and anyone who has a copy of Bob's book

may bring it by to be autographed. Books may be purchased locally.

Bob is a native of Elba and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. (Sonny) Inman of Elba. He is 48 years old, has a wife, Mrs. Inman, and two children, a son and a daughter. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

The commission accepted Faulk's motion to give Elba the deadline by a vote of 6-1, with Stephens casting the lone dissenting vote.

While on the subject of the jail, County Attorney Warren Rowe told the commission that because of lawsuits and liability insurance the county will soon be forced to refuse to take any prisoners from Elba, or any other city. The attorney explained how difficult it was to receive liability insurance and stated, "The time has passed for Elba to build its own jail."

He told the commission that the time was fast approaching when it would have to tell Elba officials that the city would have until a certain date to build its own jail, and at that time the county would no longer accept city prisoners.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission: \*\*accepted the resignation of Ted Fillingim from the County Equalization Board;

\*\*agreed to approve a request for the county to accept roads in a new subdivision 12 months after the roads were built, to meet all county regulations;

\*\*approved plans to resurface a

portion of Highways 134 and 167 using federal funds;

\*\*appointed Judge Marion Brunson to the Mental Health Board;

\*\*was told that additional handicapped parking spaces had been established in front of the Enterprise courthouse;

\*\*heard Commissioner Stephens request that a water problem at the Malcolm Bruce property be fixed as soon as possible;

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\*\*appointed Lamar Thornton to a term of six years on the Battsens Water Authority;

\*\*appointed Jimmy Clark to a six-year term on the Goodman Water Authority;

\*\*heard a request that renovations be started at the sheriff's office in Enterprise;

\*\*agreed to send out invitations to bid on several projects, including bridge work and the paving of a short road near the county training center;

\*\*discussed paving the Wren Strickland Road;

\*\*approved three commissioners to attend the state association meeting in Birmingham in June; and

\*\*heard Commissioner Billy Eagerton discuss a problem at the Robert Thomas Road.

recommended that Mullis be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Mrs. Mullis, wife of the convicted man, stated during the trial that she began an affair with Nelson in 1984 and left her husband and four children in 1985 to move in with Nelson in Coffee County. She was living with Nelson when the abduction occurred.

Mullis had taken the stand in his own behalf during the trial and denied any involvement in the death.

Mrs. Joyce Purvis, a registered nurse for over 11 years, has been named interim Director of Nursing at Elba General Hospital.

The announcement, made last week by Elba General administrator Paul Grummer, places Mrs. Purvis in charge of nursing service at the local hospital and will put the Elba resident in charge of the approximately 30 nurses at the facility.

"Joyce does an outstanding job at the hospital," stated Grummer in making the announcement, "and I'm sure she will do an outstanding job in her new capacity." She has the respect and cooperation of the entire staff, and under her guidance I feel comfortable that the patients at Elba General will continue to receive the best in nursing care."

Mrs. Purvis graduated from Troy State University and has been employed at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical Center in Birmingham, St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, and has been at Elba General for the past six years.

"The nursing staff at Elba General is the best I've ever worked with," said Purvis, "and the nurses cooperate and work together as a team. They work well with the other departments in the hospital and the overall cooperation is the key to running a top-notch facility."

Mrs. Purvis is the wife of Dr. Mitch Purvis, a practicing optometrist in Elba, and they have two children: Ben - 5 and Sara - 2½.

## A Prayer For You at Easter

May the meaning and the message of His resurrection blossom with the coming of Spring... renewing all life's joys. Have a happy holiday.